

Robber and Ex-Policeman Both Killed in Duel



FRANK BURKE

before he could complete it, a hemorrhage set in and he died a few seconds later. He spoke as follows:

TWO OTHERS WILL DIE
"My name is George O'Connell. I am 55 years old. I was in O'Connell's saloon this evening, taking a drink with some friends, when a fellow entered and said, 'Throw up your hands.' These were the last words spoken by the brave man.

It is evident from his statement that O'Connell saw but one masked man enter the place and that he opened fire on him, not knowing that his companions were shooting at the others in the saloon from the other door. When the men entered O'Connell was facing the bar, but as soon as he heard the command he wheeled around and opened fire.

Lynch and Delatour are not expected to survive. The former is shot in the abdomen. He was operated on late last night and the doctors at the hospital stated that death would surely follow within a few hours, as he is very weak from loss of blood. He lapsed into unconsciousness shortly after his arrival at the hospital and failed to rally.

DELATOUR'S JAW SHOT OFF.

Delatour was shot in the jaw, the lower portion of his face being entirely torn away by the force of the bullet. He made a statement in which he corroborated O'Connell as far as the latter went. He said that he did not remember anything after that. If he lives it will be a miracle and he will be horribly disfigured for the remainder of his life.

Kennedy escaped with a flesh wound in the right ear. He gave the most graphic description of the holdup, relating every incident that occurred from the moment the masked men entered the saloon. The bullet that hit him lodged in the woodwork behind the bar. Kennedy is a laborer and resides at Eighth and Mission streets.

George O'Connell was a member of the police force for many years and was noted for his fearlessness. He



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"One, two, three. Throw up your hands, everybody," yelled the man who entered by the Bryant street door, each thug advancing toward the bar as this command was given in a cool and commanding tone.

Everyone obeyed instantly save George O'Connell. Instead of becoming terror-stricken like the rest, he whipped out his revolver and began shooting at the man who had entered from Sixth street. When the thugs saw him reach for his revolver both opened fire, the man at the Sixth street door aiming at O'Connell and the other taking a pot shot at the rest of the crowd, all of whom were attempting to run for cover.

STAGGERS TO STREET AND DIES

After firing three shots O'Connell fell to the floor, mortally wounded. At almost the same moment the man with whom he had been engaged in the deadly duel staggered out of the door. He managed to proceed across Sixth street, where he fell dead, two of O'Connell's bullets having taken effect, one in the mouth and the other in the abdomen.

The four other customers of the saloon who were shot were unable to get under cover in time to avoid the bullets, as they sped as fast as the burglars could pull the triggers of their self-acting revolvers. John O'Connell, the man behind the bar, managed to escape through a side window, while others took refuge behind the bar and boxes and barrels.

The bartender at once spread the

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LOUIS DELATOUR and GEORGE O'CONNELL

TWO MEN KILLED IN THE SALOON HOLD-UP AT SIXTH AND BRANNAN STREETS LAST NIGHT. ONE OF THE VICTIMS WHO IS DYING, AND A DIAGRAM OF THE PLACE WHERE THE TRAGEDY OCCURRED.

alarm, and Patrolman A. Sullivan came rushing down Sixth street. He was joined a moment later by Patrolman George Brown. After calling for the ambulance at the Central Emergency Hospital the policemen made a search for the thugs, finding the dead one lying in a pool of blood across the street, but failing to get a trace of the man who was said to have run staggering down Sixth street.

Detectives Reagan and O'Connell were dispatched from the southern station and as soon as they caught sight of the dead robber they recognized him as Frank Burke, a notorious ex-convict who had been but recently released from San Quentin, where he had served a term for burglary. He was a notorious crook, having been implicated in many hold-ups and thieving schemes in this city during the last twenty years.

IS GAME TO THE LAST

The police are inclined to believe that Burke and his companion are the men who held up and robbed Doell's saloon, a block away from the scene of last night's tragedy, a few weeks ago. They answer the descriptions and their actions were very much like those of the Doell place thugs.

The capture of Burke's companion is thought to be a matter of but a few hours. The detectives are sure that he was a resident of the south side district and had been in company with Burke a great deal. If the man who escaped was wounded it is certain that he will be landed behind prison bars before another sun sets. The police, however, do not believe that he was wounded, for the reason that George O'Connell was the only one in the saloon who did any shooting and all his bullets were directed at Burke.

Though his life's blood was fast ebbing away, the courageous O'Connell never lost consciousness till a few moments before death called him, and he displayed nerve to the very last. While being removed to the hospital in the ambulance he said, when placed on the stretcher, "Let Lynch lie down; he is more seriously hurt than I. I can stand up."

While on the operating table O'Connell volunteered a dying statement, but

INDICTMENT OF SCHMITZ AND RUEF

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ING Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney and Secret Service Agent W. J. Burns had guarded their intentions most closely. A squad of newspaper men and other interested citizens spent the afternoon at the door of the jury-room speculating as to the outcome of the proceedings. Suddenly the door opened, and as the jurors passed out the word was spread, "They've indicted Ruef. They've indicted Ruef!"

EXTORTION IS CHARGED

The first alleges that the Mayor and Ruef extorted \$1175 from Antonio B. Bianco of the Pacific Dog restaurant on January 15, 1904, by means of threats to injure his business. The second charges that the sum of \$1000 was extorted from Bianco on February 5, 1904. The third indictment alleges extortion on January 15, 1904, from Joseph Malfanti, Charles Keib and William Lafrenz, proprietors of Delmonico's, in the sum of \$1175. The fourth indictment charges extortion from the same persons on February 5, 1904, of \$1000. The last indictment names P. Priei and Michel Doret of Marchand's as victims in the sum of \$1175 on January 15, 1904.

For each of these offenses the maximum penalty is five years in the state prison. Should the Mayor and Ruef be convicted on all five indictments they could be sent to the penitentiary for twenty-five years each, providing the maximum penalty was inflicted and the sentences were made to follow one after the other.

When notified of his indictment Ruef telephoned to his parents, informing them that he believed there was no cause for worry. Arrangements were then quickly made by the boss for a meeting of himself, his henchmen, his bondsmen and Sheriff O'Neil at the home of Judge Murasky. There the Aetna indemnity Company furnished bond and Ruef's first night in prison was postponed for a time. Acting Mayor Gallagher, George Keane, Attorneys Shortridge and Ach, and other friends of the Mayor were on hand, and sought to cheer him up. Their jests were forced, and failed to enliven the solemn scene which in the dim light bore the appearance of a wake over the remains of Ruef's political career.

RUEF MAKES BOLD FRONT

After it was over Ruef returned to his office and when his henchmen pressed their condolences upon him he had regained his spirits and met their long faces with lively repartee.

"Why," he said, "this indictment is an honor. Rockefeller has indicted yesterday. So I'm in pretty good company."

The French restaurant scandal represents one of the most brazen of Ruef's schemes for enriching himself and his Mayor. These gay caterers, with their innocent first floors and ascending scale of impropriety, had pursued their dubious way unmolested until the early part of 1904, when Ruef, acting through Mayor Schmitz and the Police Commission, began a crusade against them which terminated when a defense fund estimated from \$5000 to \$25,000 was collected and paid over to Ruef.

DOWNFALL OF BOSS

The indictment of Ruef and Schmitz ranks as one of the most sensational events in the spectacular history of San Francisco. It is the first time that a mayor of the municipality has been formally charged with crime. Never before has the power of a civic dictator on the Pacific Coast been as absolute as was that of Ruef, never has fall been more precipitous. At a time when he deemed his command so secure that he could cast discretion to the wind and send his puppet mayor over the seas to travel in royal magnificence has come the blow which has hurled him from his lofty seat.

The big bridge between this place and Catlin went out this morning at 8 o'clock. It had been piling high with debris all night, and it was known it could not withstand the terrific strain. There is one bridge left, and that it the big steel structure at Southern Oregon miles north of Castle Rock, which is reported intact tonight.

CATLIN SWEET AWAY

Several lives reported lost, the town of Catlin swept away by the Cowlitz River, railroad traffic between Puget Sound and Portland at a standstill, the railroads of Western and Northwestern Washington in the same condition, the Union Pacific and Oregon Railway and Navigation track temporarily blocked by a mud slide at Dodson, here and Seattle out of commission and with traffic to Eastern Oregon and Washington almost at a standstill, hundreds of thousands of dollars' damage in the rural districts back of the Sound country, in the Yakima country and in Southeastern Washington and as much more to the logging interests of Southwestern Washington, briefly summarize tonight the known destruction wrought by the streams and creeks of Washington, which are thundering torrents as the result of the torrential downpour of the past three or four days.

TIMBER BROKER ARRESTED

SEATTLE, Nov. 15.—L. C. Duney, one of the best known timber brokers in this State, was arrested last night and is now in the county jail, charged with subornation of perjury. It is alleged that Duney induced Mrs. Mary A. Arden to make false declarations in taking up some property which he is also alleged to have falsely represented to her.

POLICE CAPTURE SUSPECT

Early this morning Captain of Detectives Duke and Detectives Regan and O'Connell arrested John Byrne in the rear of Sullivan's saloon, half a block away from the scene of the tragedy. Around Byrne's neck was a handkerchief similar to the mask worn by the dead robber and his companion. Under the steps in the rear of Sullivan's, the police discovered a big black revolver with two empty shells. This revolver was similar to that held by the man at the Brannan-street entrance of O'Connell's saloon.

STRUCK BY ENGINE AND KILLED

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Wright, who came here from England after the suicide of her husband a few months ago, was killed this afternoon by Santa Fe switch engine at the foot of Ninth street. She was crossing the track with a babe in her arms and did not notice the approach of the engine. The child induced Mrs. Wright to step out and she was struck by a leg and an arm, and will die. Mrs. Wright had been living at the home of the parents of the babe.

FRESNO, Nov. 15.—On semi-official returns and official returns held counted, A. M. Drew, Republican candidate for the Assembly, has 2178 votes to 2031 for T. J. Alexander, and is elected.

Overflowed Rivers Flood a Large Area and Damage Amounts to Millions

THERE is no abatement in flood conditions in western and northwestern Washington. The town of Catlin has been swept away by the Cowlitz River, but the inhabitants escaped. Other towns are submerged. Up to a late hour last night the damage was estimated at several million dollars. Communication is still hampered, and the loss in the vicinity of Seattle and Tacoma is still conjectured.

Catlin Destroyed and Other Towns Submerged

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 15.—All communication is shut off from the north. The damage being done by the heavy rainfall and result of the floods at Seattle and Tacoma can only be conjectured. Tonight the furthest point north that can be reached in Washington is Castle Rock. A number of trains are stalled at this point and people are moving from their houses before the advancing flood. Kelso is in darkness, with the swirling river held in check by the railroad grade; Castle Rock under

water and most of its people camping out on the uplands; Ostrander under water; Lexington completely submerged and every bridge but one out—that in brief was the situation along the Cowlitz river tonight at 9 o'clock. Millions of dollars' damage has been done today, and so far as is known there has been no loss of life. But then the disaster had not reached its high tide, for the river is still rising at the rate of an inch an hour. At this point the river is 20 feet above its normal mark, and two feet above the town. A patrol is watching the water front closely.

The greatest danger to life today has been at the little settlement of Lexington and among the fishermen at the junction of the Cowlitz and Columbia rivers. Lexington was submerged during the afternoon and there would have been loss of life had not the people from surrounding settlements rallied to the rescue in small boats. About 100 people were taken off. Tonight Lexington is under seven feet of water as near as can be judged.

FAMILIES ARE RESCUED

The rescue boat sent down from Portland this afternoon, the Georgia Burton, rescued the fishermen and their families who were in danger at the junction of the Cowlitz and Columbia rivers. There were about eight families, nearly thirty people. They had been living in house boats for the most part, and every avenue of escape had been shut off by the unexpected rising of the water. The Portland steamer got there this afternoon and rescued all of the imperiled people, according to advice received here this evening.

At Castle Rock the high ground back of the settlement proved a place of refuge for all emergency. The Blackwell of Castle Rock arrived in Kelso tonight, having walked down the river track from that place. He reports that the lower portion of the town is under from seven to ten feet of water and that many of the houses are submerged to the eaves.

Word was received here tonight that the Ladu country southwest of Kelso is entirely under water, and that the ranchers are homeless. They were able to save their stock, however, driving it ahead of the flood into the hills.

LUMBER INTERESTS SUFFER

Damage to the lumber interests runs into the millions of dollars. It is known at this time that along the Cowlitz above and below Kelso between 15,000 and 18,000 cords of bolts and about 5,000,000 feet of logs have been swept to sea. The big boom at the mouth of the Cowlitz went out this morning.

Heroic efforts at rescuing lumber are being kept up. A million feet of lumtacks and 400 cords of bolts were saved this afternoon by the Metcalf Shingle Company. A fleet of steamers is at work down the river rounding up the booms, and it is reported that at Coal Creek, near Stead, 2000 cords of bolts and about 4,000,000 feet of logs have been moored.

The steamer Dirigo is patrolling the Cowlitz in search of imperiled people. Whether any rescues have been made by the boat today is not known, but it has been running for this purpose between Kelso and Rainier and Rainier and Stella.

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The population of Castle Rock is about 1200, of Kelso, 1700, of Ostrander, 200, and of Lexington, 100.

Delight is being anxiously awaited all over the region, and not until tomorrow will the full extent of the damage be known.

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